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What follows is by no means the complete story of 114 or its personnel or operations. It is in the nature of a preliminary survey of material on which further study is to be based. It is hoped, however, that sufficient new material is at hand in the present report to enable a tentative assessment of 114's capabilities and potentialities to determine whether they are of positive value or an element of danger.

1. Budget:

In December 1949 Organization 114 received DM 60,000. In January 1950, the sum was DM 56,000. Organization 114 receives DM's only; no foreign currencies are issued. In addition, supplementary one-time payments are sent to accomplish specific missions. For example, the tapped courier line in the Ruhr made mention of one [REDACTED] being the chief of all illegal (KP or Cominfor?) work in the Aachen independently, a field organization of 114 reported that a man named [REDACTED] traveled between Frankfurt and Saarbrücken, and it was further mentioned that the man had recently attended some meeting in Budapest. To further clarify the person and actions of ISMER and to permit ICO to explore the tantalizing possibility of GUNDLICH and Gunther ISMER being identical (and thus serving as a check on the questionable Ruhr material), ICO on 10 February 1950 sent 114 the sum of DM 1,000.

2. Locations (far from complete, extracted from MOL-A-1017):

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a. LEIDEL's headquarters is in Karlsruhe at Germigstrasse 36. This is a typical, older Karlsruhe apartment house. The ground floor apartment (four rooms) and another two or three rooms two flights up are used by LEIDEL. This address is also the location of the Rolladen Fabrik KNAPPE (blinds and shutters) and the workshops are actually in the courtyard of the apartment house. Since the firm does considerable business, the physical cover for 114's headquarters is quite adequate. The business requirements also account for the rather liberal space allotment. The ground floor apartment also forms the living quarters of LEIDEL and his mistress, Frieda [REDACTED], who is also on the COMINT pay roll as official hostess of 114.

b. Regensburg, Prüfingstrasse 109. Field office and billets.

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a. Munich-Bialach, Vogelherdstrasse 3 and 11. Field office and billets. Presumably the location of the southern wing of 11A's SV 2601.

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b. Koenigsbach, Langenburgerstrasse 35, field office and billets. This is near Bad Mergentheim, Wurtemberg-Baden, and is the field office of 11A (SV 2603), the CB man of 11A.

c. Although the official COMINT figure on the 7/0 strength of 11A amounts to 217 people, the totals reached by undersigned, on the basis of information from the paragraphs below, amount to 250 people. Within this round sum are 60 so-called staff personnel, which accounts for 11A headquarters' and field units' office personnel, typists, card file clerks, drivers, couriers, handymen, etc. In addition, 11A has 66 agents in Western Germany and 32 in Eastern Germany. Further, other "carded sources" but not in agent status, amount to 36 in Western Germany and 12 in Eastern Germany.

d. Organization 11A's headquarters staff. (from MIL-4-1084):

|                              |      |                      |
|------------------------------|------|----------------------|
| Legend true<br>names         | Orts | Chief                |
| a. LEIDT                     |      | Popay                |
| b. Dr. MAISE (DELIOS-WAGNER) | Orts | CR staff officer     |
| c. HESS                      |      | Personnel section    |
| d. MERTHEIM                  |      | Administration       |
| e. TROPP                     |      | CR staff officer     |
| f. RISCHKE (of MIL-4-1191)   |      | Card files           |
| g. SCHNEIDER                 |      | Typist               |
| h. STUMP                     |      | Courier              |
| i. ERHARD                    |      | Operational Briefing |
| j. GUBB                      |      | Training officer     |
| k. KUGLER                    |      | Driver               |
| l. LINZ                      |      | Driver               |
| m. PREISSLER                 |      | Handy man            |
| n. RAMPUS                    |      | Kotress              |
| o. STUMPFLE (real name)      |      | Typist               |
| p. TROPP                     |      |                      |

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This T/O strength of 16 is four less than that suggested by ODEIN for a General Agency after the re-organization in the summer of 1947, and the total Agency strength of 250 is twenty below the recommendation. However, it should also be noted that at least two of the persons in this paragraph, HAASE and RISCHKE, appear again below in other capacities: HAASE as UV Oberrein, and RISCHKE as BV 2603. RISCHKE is the newest man on the headquarters staff, having joined at the beginning of November 1949. He spent the first two months familiarizing himself with the material in IIA's files, and in January 1950 began his active position as GS case officer for IIA. However, in all probability and according to KLAUSNER, RISCHKE is still only exploring possibilities for GS cases and not actually running a case.

5. In general, the addition of RISCHKE is another confirmation of the general personnel pattern of IIA's top members: that, unlike most of ODEIN, these people had their wartime intelligence experience in the West rather than in Russia. (Another example is cover name HERMANN, head of BV 2601's Munich office. HERMANN was with Art Armas during the War.) A possible element of too deep a western involvement lies in the fact that the permanent addresses of both HAASE and RISCHKE are in the French Zone of Germany. As for actual contacts with the French, HAASE admits to seeing Col. ROUSSARD, Innsbruck, and knows Major VASSY and GUBERT of his staff. The need for this "indirect" contact, according to HAASE, is tight since so much of ODEIN's Hungarian interest runs through Hungarian emigre groups and individuals in the French Zone of Austria; he cannot afford to work behind the backs of the French, especially as he is well known to the French anyway. RISCHKE is sometimes visited by French intelligence officers when he turns up at his home in Trier. LEIML claims to have had his last contacts with the French two years ago; at that time, at UTILITY's bidding, to further the ODEIN Espionage Plan, he had three meetings somewhere in Germany at the French Zone border with KARROZIER, DST Lille, who on the second meeting greeted the man who had introduced himself as "M. LEIML" with "M. KENTZINGER."

6. The field offices of IIA:

- a. BV 2600/Nord: chief, former police-official Ludwig MAYER (of KID-A-48, Annex #8, for personnel). Headquarters, Frankfurt/Main. Staff of 20 persons; 24 agents in western Germany and 5 in Eastern Germany; 12 sources in Western Germany and one in the East. This regional office covers the Frankfurt-Kassel area, Hessen, the British Zone. Main emphasis of this group has been on illegal and illegal KP activities, especially on courier routes centering on Frankfurt: Frankfurt-Hannover (MECHKE), Hanover-Berlin, Frankfurt-Kassel (ZAHNWEITER), Frankfurt-Saarbruecken-France (BLONCH-LAMONT), Frankfurt-Switzerland. Attention is also paid to Hessen-Thuringia KP communications lines. A third, and major, undertaking of BV 2600 is the security clearing of contemplated new ODEIN agent personnel living in Hessen or the British Zone. A fourth but minor interest is in KP cover and controlled organizations like TIV, etc. A fifth interest is the KPD Landesleitung Frankfurt and the activities of Prof. MATTER (formerly Prof. Rote Kapelle) of the University of Leipzig and still August lecturer at the University of Frankfurt.

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On 16 January 1950, at a meeting at LEIDL's headquarters in Karlsruhe, KLAUSSNER, who is officially in charge of ODEH's CI work, stated that this regional group's targets should be as follows: KP couriers, KP activities in the Bundesregierung stemming from the British Zone; the KP in the Ruhr; further, that the targets for this and other regional groups should be extended eastward to include Eastern German CI work, especially MGB and the political police.

b. IV 2601/Sud: chief, Franz GROSCHEK (of MOL-4-48, Annex "B", for personnel.) Headquarters, Coburg. Deputy chief, HERRMANN, with offices in Munich. Staff of 12 persons, 3 interrogators, 4 agents in Western Germany, 23 sources in Western Germany and 1 in the East. Geographical area covered is Bavaria and Wurtemberg-Baden. Activities include, first of all, a border police network all along the Bavarian border. Connected with border activity, a network is being built at Cham, Oberpfalz, on the Czech border, which includes contacts and connections into CSC. Next, in the Munich area, attention is paid to illegal KP activities (through Josef RISCHKE, important EPD functionary, Bavaria), especially the Rotspänner veterans' activities (through an agent who was himself with THAKEMANN, still receives invitations to Eastern German veterans' meetings.) In and around Munich, another major interest is the security checking of services personnel for Kiblau and the external security of the Kiblau Command. IV 2601 is also entrusted with security clearance of contemplated ODEH agent personnel living in Bavaria and Wurtemberg-Baden. Activities of the CSC in Wurtemberg are watched, but without noticeable success. Finally, the three interrogators mentioned in the 7/0 form an interrogation group in Augsburg; the interrogators themselves are Russo-Germans (one is fm SWATATRISKI), and they stress interrogations of returned PW's of CI interest (Amifa, etc.). These interrogators also supply the information which results in the VAKUUM reports.

c. IV 2602/Berlin: chief, KUNO. A staff of 10, with 3 sources in the Soviet Zone of Germany. KLAUSSNER has expressed dissatisfaction with the production of the field office and its general lack of activity. Legitimately, it should cover the Ministry of the Interior, the RIS, Eastern Zone and Berlin Volkspolizei. Minor work is accomplished in identifying Russian agents and informers. KLAUSSNER suggested as a starter that IV 2602 intensify efforts to tap the Volkmar Vice President MATERN, pre-Hitler KP functionary of Königsberg, later a Gestapo-SD agent, now probably a Russian agent. This field agency operates on a monthly budget of DM 4,000/-.

d. IV 2603: RISCHKE (of MOL-4-1191). Staff of 7 persons. Headquarters are located in Koenigstein, near Bad Mergentheim. The new CI regional office, of Organization 114, destined to take over cases from other regional agencies when it is clear that they include lines going directly to the Russians. RISCHKE is now assisting IV 2601 in setting up its Cham network; see "b" above. Further, if American higher headquarters believe that a case like that of Joseph Wilhelm BAKER (of MOL-4-1166) should be kept alive, it will be turned over to RISCHKE for exploitation.

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• 5. ST (Sonderberatung) COMPANY. This Austrian group of SOMM (or MIU-273). Staff of 9 persons, 1 agent, 1 coded source. The group has long existed, originally based in W.M.-like activities which produce "espionage" without tangible proof. Having concentrated on the Soviet Market in Frankfurt, the group has been instructed to concentrate now on the Soviet Market in Baden-Baden. The group also performs special interrogations of Russian deserters, etc. Recent special interrogations have included, for example, the case of ADMIRAL KORNELIUS, Russian deserter, or MIU-273. In another case, SOMM agent THEODOR KLEINER (or MIU-4-257 and 344, not agent no. 1642) was involved in an episode in Hamburg, identifying US Army deserters - wanted to defect to the Russians.

• 6. ST POLAIS. The COMIN Polis group under GLODZIKOWSKI (or MIU-273 and 2470511) of INTERPOL in America. Head is the ad. staff member, and he has 6 agents. MIU-273, who is head, first offered his services to the Germans in May during the war, was used by NSA, was interpreter for General HQ. This group has been attempting a penetration of the Polish Committee in Berlin, especially, with agent EUGENIUSZ KROCHMACKI, trying to and succeeding in recruiting the COMI secret workers to the axis target, and with MICHAEL RUMMEL, also drafting about his connections with A15 to several Polish agencies around the peninsula. MIU-273 has also an old agent on this project. However, both claim this is strictly COMI's mission and since COMI agents have not been contacted, RUMMEL has been called upon to correct the conditions here, and to attract the attention of the Polish group to the Polish Committee in Berlin. The Polish activity in Germany has also suggested as an alternative and possibly fruitful field. The purpose for COMI is surveillance of Polish communists in Poland. The Polish agents and the Poles in USA have to obstruct the security of COMI agents and projects financing the Poles. A new marginal activity of this group has been reported in Warsaw and sponsored probably the Georgi Dimitrov, recently founded in Warsaw and sponsored in Germany by General PRATTI; the committee has been able to gather a group of intellectuals and documentarians to sponsor the work in Postom-Germany, this to date the investigations have not revealed any intelligence activity except of the agents of Gospo's Mala.

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b. U.S. (International) Guerrilla. This consists of Dr. LASS, his two agents, "Pete" and "Sam", respectively, who in the French Zone, Baden and West Wurttemberg. In addition to following traces of the Kappelle remnants on the Bodensee, the main activity is following up the continuation of CP courier lines into Switzerland, especially between Lorraine and Basel.

c. U.S. Positive Intelligence Group with one staff member - LASS, his brother "Sam", 27, agent and 6 carded sources in Eastern Germany, LASS's brother, who is an oil expert, supplies reports from his group on the Lassa works, industrial espionage, etc. The group is only in LIA because of the family relationship. The group of U.S. Right Wing Guerrilla, via LASS' agents, probably falls into this U.

d. Palatine Berlin, two men, both with Police background, as informers and investigators, used in investigating any ODESSA files which turn up in Berlin.

The above gives in bare outline the organizational structure of Organization LIA. It does not cover all its activities or contacts. For example, in addition to the above, LASS has personal contacts to various Western German Landes government (especially Minister of Interior) and high police contacts. He also maintains LIA's role as poison agent writing, but it is still a secret question how much Western German police circles are contacted for file checks on ODESSA's behalf. It is also Organization LIA which is connected with carrying out field investigations on personnel in the German field entrusted to ODESSA for checking whether or not they are handled on a priority basis.

In addition, LASS has requested the top echelon of Organization LIA to send down all material about West Berlin personnel, their present whereabouts and activities (instituted by current intelligence bids) mainly from that day or those people who arrived, told Joe Kapelle (Intelligence, holding, holding important Nazi posts, and are involved in CP activities). Likewise, the names, addresses, and present activities of all other veterans were requested by LASS. Further this information of other intelligence services they might not be utilized by according to LIA, the number employed by the British, its contacts, would come from the location of the scope of British intelligence coverage in Germany!

e. The significance and scope of Organization LIA's contacts in the West Berlin field are as yet unclear. It is definite, however, that LASS does have been connected. For example, U.S.-772 was largely responsible for getting U.S.-771, although U.S.-771 did not go about it.

f. Previous section has been made of LASS' and Dr. LASS' disclosure to the underworld of August-September 1949 of the residence of Ferdinand Fertigkalla, Industrialist to finance a German group for carrying out "economic espionage". (At the time, a copy of the report to be prepared for U.S. on this topic was provided to the underworld; but it has since been recalled. The nature of the meeting with LASS and U.S.-772

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was no "orthodox" chart. It was considered best not to bring up the topic with QMUS directly.) That such activities have been going recently is confirmed in QMUS's statement that Organization [REDACTED] was interested in an Industrial Security Service (Dienstleistung-Sicherheitsdienst) to be set up in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt. In this instance, a police official [REDACTED] of Stuttgart (of RUE-L-116) direct emanated leads supplied by [REDACTED] and then decided to ask QMUS for the picture.

b. Lastly, for the purpose of this preliminary survey, Organization [REDACTED] is interested in QMUS' weapon training schools. During the latter half of 1949, LADL and HALS were in frequent conference with the training staff to set up a special training course for CI officers attached to the various QMUS field organizations. This course is now given at one of QMUS' schools (the other is at Horau) in Priddy Metro. Reasons, with [REDACTED] information as point factor (or inner RUE-L-116).

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